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PENDING PROPOSALS UNDER PRE/ POST/ MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) The details of proposals pending with the Union Government for release of funds under Pre-matric and Post-matric Scholarship Schemes for SCs and OBCs from various State Governments/UTs including Uttar Pradesh, State/UT-wise;

(b) The reasons for their pendency; and

(c) The time by which the proposals are likely to be cleared and funds to be released thereunder?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT(SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a to c) A provision of Rs. 313.24 crore was made for the Post-Matric scholarship scheme for Scheduled Castes students under BE 2004-05. However, additional funds were mobilized through re-appropriation and an expenditure of Rs.330.27 crore was incurred under the scheme during the year.Funds under the scheme were released to all the States/UTs. However, full demand of the State of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal could not be met due to paucity of funds during the year. In case of the States of Assam, Bihar, Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Manipur also full demand could not be met as the progress of expenditure of the funds already released to these States was not intimated by them.

In case of Pre-matric scholarship scheme for OBCs, funds could not be released to the State Governments of Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand, and Rajasthan as information relating to utilization of funds released during earlier years was not furnished by them. Similarly in case of Karnataka, Punjab and Sikkim, the proposals were not found in order as they were not following the norms of the scheme. Pre-Matric scholarship scheme is for children of unclean occupations and no proposal is pending under this scheme from any State Government.

In case of Post-Matric scheme for OBCs, proposals of Bihar and Pondicherry are pending as the information about utilization of funds released during earlier years has not been furnished. The State Government of Madhya Pradesh is not implementing the scheme and they have been requested to refund the funds released to them earlier.